

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the enclosed paper copy of the sequence listing at the end of the specification.

### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.12):

17. A purified polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from the group consisting of the sequence depicted in Figure 4 SEQ ID NO:2 and function-conservative variants thereof.

18. A purified polypeptide comprising amino acids 1-45 of the sequence depicted in Figure 4 SEQ ID NO:2.

19. A method for identifying hER $\beta$ -interactive compounds, said method comprising:

(a) contacting the polypeptide of claim 17 with a labelled ligand in the presence of test compounds, to form test reactions, and in the absence of test compounds, to form control reactions;

(b) incubating said test and control reactions under appropriate conditions to achieve equilibrium binding of said labelled ligand to hER $\beta$ ;